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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

SECURELY INCORPORATING

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION INTO AN ONLINE PURCHASING APPLICATION

Examiner: J. M. Winter

APPLICANTS' FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER MPEP § 724.2

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The materials of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) are considered proprietary and are being submitted for consideration under MPEP § 724. A petition to expunge the contents of this IDS under 37 CFR 1.59 and fee therefor are submitted herewith.

For the Office's convenience, the Office is directed to MPEP § 724.04 for proper handling of this IDS and to MPEP §§ 724.5-724.6 for the proper handling of the petition submitted herewith.

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